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REMARKS

The election requirement mailed March 14, 2005 required three elections of species. Applicants respectfully traverse the election requirement. Applicants recognize that restriction practice seeks to avoid multiple searches. However, MPEP 803 provides that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is respectfully submitted that the examination of all the claims in this application will not place an undue burden on the PTO. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for restriction be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Recognizing their obligation to elect species, Applicants make the following elections:

for the poly(arylene ether) functionalizing group, Applicants elect the methacrylate group; Applicants believe that Claims 1-39 read on this species;

for the unsaturated monomer, Applicants elect ethoxylated bisphenol A dimethacrylate; Applicants believe that Claims 1-13 and 18-39 read on this species;

for the inhibitor, Applicants elect 4-t-butylcatechol; Applicants believe that Claims 1-25 and 27-39 read on this species.


It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action.

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If there are any additional charges with respect to this response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' Attorneys.

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